

REMARKS

Status of the Claims

Claims 1-6 and 14 are pending, with claim 1 being independent. Claims 1, 2, 6, and 14 are amended herein in order to even more clearly recite and distinctly claim the present invention. Support for the amendments can be found in throughout specification, including in the original claims. Accordingly, no new matter has been added.

Initially, Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for the indication that claims 1-6 and 14 are allowed.

Claim Objections

Claims 1, 2, 6, and 14 are objected to because of informalities. Claims 1, 2, 6, and 14 are amended herein to even more clearly recite and distinctly claim the present invention. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully assert that the noted informalities have been addressed. Therefore, withdrawal of the claim objections is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

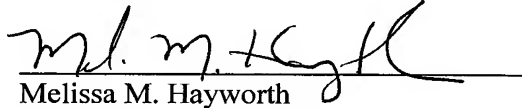
In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the claims and allowance of the subject application.

In the event that there are any questions relating to this application, it would be appreciated if the Examiner could telephone the undersigned attorney concerning such arguments so that prosecution of this application may be expedited.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #1032013-000124).

Respectfully submitted,

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